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OF THE

Twenty-first Annual Session

OF THE

PRIMITIVE

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED WITH ROUND MOUNTAIN CHURCH,

Wilkes County, N. C.,

OCTOBER 25TH AND 26TH, 1889.

{ WILLIAM MILES, - - Moderator. }
{ WILLIAM W. MYERS, - - Clerk. }

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FRIDAY, October 25, 1889.

Met pursuant to last year's adjournment. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder C. Blevins, the alternate; text, I. Corinthians, 15th chapter and 58th verse.

1. After a short intermission the Delegates assembled in the church and were called to order by singing and prayer, by Elder William Miles.

2. Called for Letters from the different churches, when fourteen were handed in and read by the Clerk.

3. On motion, opened the door for newly-constituted churches, when "Landmark," from Alleghany county, presented a letter, which was read and the brethren were received.

4. By request, Elders E. Blevins and Jas. Parsons acted as tellers, who report Elder William Miles, Moderator; and W. W. Myers, Clerk.

5. On motion, invited correspondents, when Elders I. W. Landreth, Ezekiel Blevins and Bro. J. D. Sturgill, from the Mountain Union Association, and Elders James Parsons, William M. Lee and J. L. Johnson, from the Stony Fork Association, came forward, with letters and minutes, and were kindly received.

6. On motion, invited transients, when Elds. A. E. Myers, William F. Byrd and J. A. Jordan, from the Elkin, accepted seats with us.

7. On motion, invited visiting brethren, when Elds. I. C. Miller, E. A. Soots, and Bros. W. S. Edwards, G. M. Woodruff. E. M. Bowles and T. M. Billings accepted seats with us.

8. On motion, authorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this Session.

9. Appotnted L. B. Myers, G. W. Miles and W. G. M. Herrald a Committee of Finance.

10. Appointed Bros. F. W. Norman, A. Herrald and Stanly Gentry, with the delegates of this church, to arrange the Ministry, who report: For to-morrow—1st, Elder James Parsons; 2d, Isaac C. Miller; 3d, E Blevins.

11. Appointed to write corresponding letters, viz: Bros, J. S. Holbrook to the Stony Fork, and J. T. Holbrook to the Mountain Union, and have them ready to-morrow.

12. Appointed as a Committee of Arrangements, viz: Elders W. J. Combs, C. Blevins, J. M. Owens, J. J. Caudill and Bro. J. M. Herrald.

13. On motion, adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Elder I. W. Landreth. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY, October 26, 1889.

Met at the church and spent half an hour in singing and prayer among the brethren.

1. The regular service was opened with singing and prayer by Elder Isaac W. Landreth, correspondent.

2. The Clerk called the Roll of Delegates and marked absentees.

3. Then read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4. On motion, the Committee of Arrangements made their report, which was received and the Committee discharged.

5. On motion, extended the invitation to visiting brethren, when Elder C. F. Fields, from the Elkin, and G. C. Woodruff, of the Stony Fork Association, accepted seats.

6. Called upon our corresponding brethren to report, when Elder J. J. Caudill and Bros. Trely C. Myers and S. Q. Myers report visiting the Mountain Union and were kindly received. Those who were appointed to the Stony Fork failed, and were excused.

7. The visiting brethren to the Elkin, viz: Elder W. J. Combs, Bros. John N. Myers, R. J. Blackburn, J. S. Holbrook and S. Q. Myers, visited the Elkin and were kindly received by them.

8. The brethren appointed to write corresponding letters handed them in, which were read and the brethren discharged.

9. Appointed corresponding brethren, viz: Elders W. J. Combs, William Miles and A. J. Waggoner, Bros. John N. Myers, J. S. Holbrook, J. P. Walters, Z. S. Myers and Noah Wadell to the Mountain Union; and Elders W. W. Myers, J. W. Walker, and Bros. F. C. Hall and D. C. Woodruff to the Stony Fork Association.

10. On motion, adopted the preamble presented by Elder C. F. Fields, viz: "Whereas, we believe that visiting among Christians is Christ-like; therefore, Resolved, that we allow our members to visit any Association and allow them to come to us, and not appoint visiting brethren."

11. The Committee on Obituaries submitted two, viz: Bros. Major Joines and G. F. Owens, dec'd, to be attached to our Minutes.

12. The Comittee of Finance report, viz: Received from the churches, $16.80; in the hands of the Treasurer, $6.00, Total, $22.80. Report received and the brethren discharged.

13. On motion, called upon Elder W. J. Combs, who reports, viz: Traveled 691 miles; preached 101 sermons—13 funerals; ordained one minister; received about $24.00. Then, on motion, agreed to release him from manual labor, as a deed of charity, as much as we can. A subscription was then raised among the brethren to the amount of $22.50, besides some cash that was handed in to the brother —amount not known.

14. In answer to the query from Rachel Church, we refer you to the Word of God on Ordination.

15. On motion, we advise our churches to perpetuate feet washing.

16, The Committee on the Ministry report, for Sabbath, viz: 1st, Elder William M. Lee; 2d, A. J. Waggoner; 3d, C. F. Fields; 4th, I. W. Landreth.

17 On motion, appointed our next Association to convene with Round Hill Church, two miles southwest of Trap Hill, Wilkes county, N. C., commencing on Friday before the fourth Lord's Day in October, 1890—Elder W. J. Combs to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder J. M. Owens his alternate.

18. Elder C. F. Fields submitted a request to us to co-operate with the Elkin Association in locating and building an Academy; and, on motion we appoint a building committe, viz: Bros. G. W. Miles, T. C. Deboard and C. P. Gilliam; and as trustees, viz: Bros. J. S. Holbrook, W. M. Absher, Joshua Spicer, J. P. Elledge and Joel A. Pruitt to co-operate with them.

19. On motion, appointed the clerk Treasurer, and to have 500 copies of these minutes printed, allowing him $4 for his services.

20. We now return our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends for their kind and generous hospitality during this session.

21. On motion, this body adjourns to time and place appointed.

Prayer by Elder Ezekiel Blevins. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER WILLIAM MILES,
Moderator.

W. W. MYERS, Clerk.

SABBATH.

First sermon delivered by Elder W. M. Lee, text, Jeremiah 13th chapter and 16th verse—"Give glory to the Lord your God"; 2d, Elder A. J. Waggoner, text Job 26th chapter and 14th verse—"Lo! these are parts of His ways"; 3d, Elder James Burchitt,—"The lawyer who came to Jesus"; 4th, Elder Isaac W. Landreth, text Acts 16th chapter and part of the 30th verse—"What must I do to be saved?" A number presented their hands for prayers, and we hope this day's work will be realized in boundless Eternity. Let Peace and Love ever abound amongst us! CLERK.

OBITUARIES.

MAJOR JOINES was born in Wilkes county, N. C., April 24, 1793, and died May 6, 1889—aged 96 years and twelve days. He married Sarah Caudill April 24, 1825, and eight children (three boys and five girls) were born unto them. Four of the children (two boys and two girls) are now living. He was a member of the Baptist Church for about fifty years. He joined the Church at Double Creek, and was baptized by Elder Hiram Sizeman in Roaring River; was a member of Walnut Grove Church at the time of his death. He was an exemplary man, both as a Church member and a citizen. He leaves many relatives and friends to mourn his loss. His wife preceded him in death about three years. They now sleep in the graveyard near his old homestead. Our sympathy is with his dear children. Peace be unto his sleeping dust!

ELDER C. BLEVINS,
Chairman.

G. F. OWENS was born October 24, 1833, and died March 17, 1889. He married Sarah Harrald in 1853. Brother Owens professed a hope in Christ in 1875 and joined Bethel Church August, 1888, and lived a faithful member of the same. He leaves a Christian companion, one child, and many friends to mourn the loss of a good husband, father and friend. His last testimony was, "My way is clear."

J. S. HOLBROOK, Chm'n of Com.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Postoffice.	Names of Delegates.	Saturday.	By Bapt.	By Letter	Applica'n	Restored.	Dismiss'd	Excluded	Deceased	Total.	Contributions.
Bethel,	J. M. Owens	Wiles, N. C.	J M Owens, J F Higins, L M Jenings, J C & D S Ellege	3	1						1	30	$ 75
Bethany,	J. C. Elledge,	Round Mt.n "	D Wood, J O Wood, W Wood, J Blackburn, J Wood,	4		2						17	57
Dehart,	J. N. Brooks,	Dehart, "	L B Myers, Z S Myers, H Johnson, W F Myers, -	2					2	1		37	60
Landmark,	A. J. Wagoner,	Whitehead, "	A J Waggoner, D Joines, F Richardson, R Edwards	2	17	2	5			1		36	1 00
Liberty Grove,	J. M. Owens,	Mulberry, "	Vickery Wyatt, W B Brown, S J Caudill - - -	2					1			20	60
Liberty Knob,	Wm Miles,	Trap Hill, "	W & G W Miles, H A Wood. J W Brooks W H H Lyon	3								41	80
New Covenant,	J J. Caudill,	Dockery, "	J J Caudill J W Walker W M Absher J N Myers J N Wiles	3	3	1			4		2	117	2 10
Piny Grove,	C. Blevins,	Absher, "	J Spicer, W C Walker, J P Caudill, Wm Caudill,	3		1						26	95
Rachel,	J. M. Owens,	Burcham, "	Wm. Blackburn, Williford Privett, Franklin Childers	1								39	75
Roaring River,	W. J. Combs,	Trap Hill, "	W J Combs, T C Debord, D L M'Bride, J S & J F Holbrk	4	5	3		1	3	3	1	121	2 15
Round Mount'n	W. W. Myers,	Round Mt., "	W W Myers D C Woodruff W F Greg'ry J N Felts A Caudil	1	3	2				2	1	74	1 50
Round Hill,	Wm. Miles,	Trap Hill, "	S Gentry J A Pruitt M F Richards'n N Waddill W Miles	2	5	11					1	53	1 18
White Oak,	"	Parks, "	F M Walker, Jacks'n Combs F W Norman L R Pardew	4		1	2		1		1	62	1 30
Walnut Grove	C. Blevins,	Ink, "	C Blevins, T C Myers, S L Johnson, T C Hall, - -	1		1	3		1	1	2	125	1 50
Zion,	J. J. Caudill,	Hay Meadow"	E Sebastian, A H Brown, J M, W M, & W J M Harald	4		1						59	1 00
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